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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation establishes the procedure to be used by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources prior to issuing an order declaring certain stockwater rights to be forfeited under I.C. Sec. 42-222(2) for failure to put the rights to beneficial use for a term of five years or more. It repeals I.C. Sec. 42-502(2) that prohibits a grazing permittee from being an agent of the federal government for purposes of acquiring a stockwater right in the permittee's name. It repeals I.C. Sec. 42-503 that provides a forfeiture procedure only for certain federally-owned stockwater rights. It amends I.C. Sec. 42-504 to clarify that a stockwater right for use on a federal grazing allotment may not be used for another purpose or at another place of use.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation may require additional fiscal support for the Idaho Department of Water Resources depending on the extent to which the Director receives petitions or makes findings and issues show cause orders that would commence hearing processes.

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